



— State of —  
**North Dakota**  
*Office of the Governor*

**John Hoeven**  
*Governor*

PROCLAMATION  
**CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS MONTH**  
OCTOBER 2009

**WHEREAS**, many citizens, schools, libraries, businesses and other organizations use the Internet for a variety of tasks, including managing finances, enhancing education, conducting business and research, and keeping in contact with family and friends; and

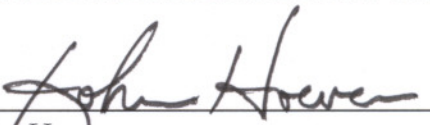
**WHEREAS**, critical sectors are increasingly reliant on information systems to support financial services, energy, telecommunications, transportation, utilities, health care and emergency response systems; and

**WHEREAS**, Internet users and our information infrastructure face an increasing threat of malicious cyber attack, loss of privacy from spyware and adware, and each year, there are significant financial and personal privacy losses due to identity theft and fraud; and

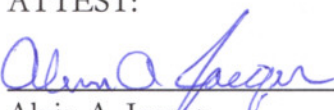
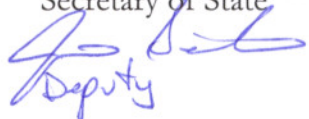
**WHEREAS**, the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center was established in January 2003 to provide a collaborative mechanism to help states and local governments enhance cyber security and the North Dakota Office of Attorney General in partnership with the North Dakota Information Technology Department provide a comprehensive approach to help enhance the security of this state and to educate consumers, businesses, educational leaders and our youth on how to protect themselves online; and

**WHEREAS**, maintaining the security of cyberspace is a shared responsibility in which each of us has a critical role, and awareness of computer security essentials will improve the security of North Dakota information infrastructure and economy.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim October 2009, **CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS MONTH** in the state of North Dakota.

  
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John Hoeven  
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